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To provide that human life shall be deemed to begin with fertilization.

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Mr. BROUN of Georgia (for himself, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. LINDER, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. HERGER, Mr. JONES, Mr. TERRY, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CARTER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. INGLIS, Mr. FORBES, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. WAMP, Mr. AKIN, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ROONEY, and Mr. LATTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sanctity of Human
5 Life Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DECLARATION.**

2 In the exercise of the powers of the Congress, includ-
3 ing Congress' power under article I, section 8 of the Con-
4 stitution, to make necessary and proper laws, and Con-
5 gress' power under section 5 of the 14th article of amend-
6 ment to the Constitution of the United States—

7 (1) the Congress declares that—

8 (A) the right to life guaranteed by the
9 Constitution is vested in each human being, and
10 is the paramount and most fundamental right
11 of a person; and

12 (B) the life of each human being begins
13 with fertilization, cloning, or its functional
14 equivalent, irrespective of sex, health, function
15 or disability, defect, stage of biological develop-
16 ment, or condition of dependency, at which time
17 every human being shall have all the legal and
18 constitutional attributes and privileges of
19 personhood; and

20 (2) the Congress affirms that the Congress,
21 each State, the District of Columbia, and all United
22 States territories have the authority to protect the
23 lives of all human beings residing in its respective
24 jurisdictions.

25 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

26 For purposes of this Act:

1 (1) FERTILIZATION.—The term “fertilization”
2 means the process of a human spermatozoan pene-
3 trating the cell membrane of a human oocyte to cre-
4 ate a human zygote, a one-celled human embryo,
5 which is a new unique human being.

6 (2) CLONING.—The term “cloning” means the
7 process called somatic cell nuclear transfer, that
8 combines an enucleated egg and the nucleus of a so-
9 matic cell to make a human embryo.

10 (3) HUMAN; HUMAN BEING.—The terms
11 “human” and “human being” include each and
12 every member of the species homo sapiens at all
13 stages of life, beginning with the earliest stage of de-
14 velopment, created by the process of fertilization,
15 cloning, or its functional equivalent.

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